

BOOZE WOULD LAST 36 DAYS AT OLD RATE

Kramer Fights Move to Free Stocks for Personal Use

By GEORGE B. WATERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—If all the liquor in bonded warehouses was put on the market, it would last only 36 days if Americans should drink at their old rate. There would be less than a half gallon of booze per person, and in the good old days the people used to drink, in terms of straight whiskey, at the rate of five gallons a year for each man, woman and child in America.

At the present time there is in storage the following liquors:

Whisky	16,071
Rum	497,919
Gin	902,513
Brandy	850,890
Total	1,467,393

Have Two Views.

Owing to the fact that this liquor could disappear, as though it had flowed from a sewer, in so short a time, two views are taken by the prohibition enforcement division here in regard to recent decision of the supreme court in the William G. Street case, in which Street was permitted to withdraw his booze from a New York commercial warehouse for personal use.

One view is that the Internal Revenue bureau should open wide the flood gates and let the booze be withdrawn from the warehouses as quickly as possible. The other opinion is that the bureau should construct the right to withdraw liquor for personal use in cases exactly like the Street case, and draw the lines still tighter around the booze in the bonded warehouses.

The view taken by John Kramer is that the booze in the warehouses should not be turned loose. The ruling is now being prepared. That Kramer's view will prevail is a good bet.

The present supply of liquor will last only two more years at the rate it is being withdrawn under "strict enforcement." When the 18th amendment took effect Jan. 16, 1920, there were 71,000,000 gallons of liquor in storage, and in less than a year 22,500,000 gallons have been drawn out for "medical, scientific and sacramental" purposes. Only one distillery is now running.

What It Would Cost.
If Uncle Sam would let it be drawn out for beverage purposes, the government would pay the government \$110,755,304 in taxes, at the rate of \$6.46 a gallon. But if the government refuses to let it be withdrawn for beverage purposes, the government will get \$24,000,000 less, or about \$100,000,000.

Many of the banks hold booze warehouse certificates as collateral for loans. There is probably less than \$50,000,000 loaned on these certificates. If they were redeemed the money paid into the banks would relieve the present money stringency a little. But ultimately, it would only mean there would be a shifting of money from the hands of those who drink to the hands of those who own or hold the certificates.

"HAM AND" CHEAPER
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Building on West Central To Be Rented for Displays

Albuquerque's poultry show will be held during Christmas week, December 20 to 23. It was decided at a meeting of the Bernalillo county Poultry and Pet Stock association at the Chamber of Commerce last night. Representatives of the New Mexico Rabbit association also were present and will cooperate to make the show a success.

It is planned to rent a building on West Central avenue for the show instead of having it in the armory as was done last year. A committee was appointed to select the building in the county to have them place exhibits.

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Christmas Truce in Ireland Suggested

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The possibility of the Christmas truce in Ireland seems to be connected with a suggestion by Roger N. Sweetman, a Sinn Féin member of parliament for North Wexford, that a truce be taken of the labor contribution's presence in Ireland to bring about a conference between the commission and the Irish labor party, the Irish peace conference and the Catholic hierarchy to enlist all moderate opinion in Ireland in the support of Cardinal Logue's appeal for "a truce for God."

Mr. Sweetman is a wealthy land owner of moderate views.

His idea is to bring about a cessation of bloodshed in the hope of attaining an atmosphere which will be better suited for political negotiations which are considered impossible as long as the extremists on both sides of the controversy are warring.

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The pall of night o'er earth was spread,
The busy city slept,
Save, where, beside an ill-kept bed,
A mother, vigil, kept.

She wept as on her child she gazed
A look of blank despair,
For that young life was ebbing fast,
Despite her loving care.

But loving care is oft unwise,
Of dear ones, oft the bane,
How oft, it doctors skill, defies,
His service, renders vain!

And it is expected that all of the
And there she watched, a prey to
Till morning brought the day,
But, with it came, of sweet relief,
No hope-inspiring ray.

How woe, I now that dear young
form,
Once fraught with winsome grace!
How faintly throbs that heart so
warm!

How pale that pain-racked face!

"O, Death!" the mother cried, "for-
bear!
"Withhold thy cruel dart!
"O, spare my child, so young, so fair,
"Break not my mother's heart!"

Death answers not her anguished
prayer,
His cruel heart is steeled,
Her darling child he will not spare,
His prey he will not yield.

"How cold it grows! O mother dear,
"How dark it has become!
"O mother, leave me not, stay here,
"My hands and feet are numb."

"It colder grows, 'tis dark as night,"
O mother, where art thou?
"Why did they take away the light?
"O, I am dying now!"

Then on her mother, Mabel cast
A look that told of pain,
A moment more, and she had passed
To Death's too wide domain.

I, Envoi,
Would you, and scenes like this make
rare,
Then read these lines aright:
And, with your aid, resolve to spare
Some hapless little mite.

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